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1. COMMENTING ON REPORTED STATEMENT BY SYG LUNS IN
NAPLES REGARDING SPAIN AND NATO, MFA SPOKESMAN SAID
MARCH 18 THAT SPAIN'S POSSIBLE MEMBERSHIP IN THE ORGANI-
ZATION IS NOT TOPICAL AS FAR AS HOLLAND IS CONCERNED.
SPOKESMAN SAID EVEN IF SPAIN WERE TO BECOME A DEMOCRACY
THIS WOULDNOT MEAN IT COULD AUTOMATICALLY JOIN THE
ALLIANCE.

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2. MEANWHILE, CHAIRMAN OF SECOND CHAMBER FOREIGN
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (DANKERT) HAS SUBMITTED QUESTIONS
TO FONMIN VAN DER STOEL, ASKING IF LUNS HAD SAID SPAIN
COULD JOIN NATO AND THAT PORTUGAL'S LEAVING THE ALLIANCE
WOULD HAVE NO HARMFUL CONSEQUENCES. DANKERT SUGGESTED
NATO COUNCIL DISASSOCIATE ITSELF FROM LUNS' REMARKS IF
HE HAD SPOKEN AS NATO SYG, AND ASKED FOR STEPS TO
"STOP SYG FROM HARMING NATO STILL FURTHER BY ISSUING
AND-POSSIBLY-RETRACTING STATEMENTS."
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